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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT : Directive Governing the Use and Procedures  
of the Polygraph in CIA**

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the Director of Central Intelligence; this action is contained in paragraph 6.

2. The Chairman of the Civil Service Commission promulgated instructions concerning the use of the polygraph in personnel investigations of competitive service applicants and appointees to competitive service positions.

3. Although the Agency has been specifically exempted from these instructions, it is the policy of the Agency, as you are aware, to follow Civil Service Commission procedures as closely as possible.

4. One of the Civil Service Commission requirements covering polygraph use is the preparation of directives governing its use in employment of screening and personnel investigations. The Agency's last directive covering polygraph operations was signed by the Acting Director of Central Intelligence, General Charles P. Cabell, on 8 August 1957.

5. The attached proposed directive, in updating our procedures, follows the intent of the Civil Service Commission manual to the degree possible consistent with our specialized security requirements. Other Central Intelligence Agency investigative policies and procedures are in substantial accordance with the Civil Service Commission instruction entitled "Full Field Investigations on Competitive Service Employees and Applicants for Critical Service Positions" of which the subject instruction is a part.

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6. It is recommended that the attached directive governing the use and procedures of the polygraph in CIA be approved with your signature.



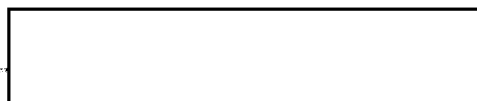
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